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1. A collective was established in Bogdanci, Macedonia, in 1949. The Chairman of this collective was a certain Georgi Lazarov, a former Partisan. During 1949 and 1950 collective members erected office buildings and a stable. Another stable for cattle was in the process of construction at Bogdanci [REDACTED] By the end of 1950 the collective had 2,500 sheep, 100 head of beef cattle, 60 dairy cattle and 100 horses. In May 1951 the stock had decreased to 1,800 sheep, 100 head of beef cattle, 60 dairy cattle and 70 horses. This decrease was ascribed to deaths and slaughtering. Each working member of the collective received 20 kilograms of grain per month, each child received 6 kilograms of grain per month and each aged person was allotted ten kilograms per month. The collective sold cheese at the price of 200 dinars per kilogram, and milk at 30 dinars per kilogram. Collective members could not afford these items of food. 25

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2. Prior to World War II, a number of families from Montenegro and Serbia settled in Bogorodica, a village in the Djevdjelija district of Macedonia. Later, when the Bulgarians occupied this area, these settlers of Montenegrin and Serbian origin were interned in a concentration camp near Petrovo. In 1951 ten of these interned families were released and were permitted to return to Bogorodica, where their homes were restored to them. The majority of these individuals are members of the Communist Party.

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the Chairman of the Bogorodica Community People's Council was a certain Nikola Traiov and the Secretary was an individual by the name of Niko Kolcev. In April 1951, each working member of a family in Bogorodica received four kilograms of American flour.

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1. Comment: This may indicate that the Tito Government is attempting to place reliable elements in Macedonia.

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